[Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar.]

(*b*) the number of these encroachments that were on existing water-ways and canals used for traffic and irrigation purposes;

(*c*) the number of these cases that were ordered to be restored; and

(*d*) the number ordered to be registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 343 cases in 1102 and 104 cases in 1103.

(*b*) 241.

(*c*) 151.

(*d*) 65.

Qualifications for obtaining free supply of Government publications.

101. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): If the Government have prescribed any qualifications for a newspaper in order to deserve a free supply of Government publications, will they be pleased to state what they are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A copy of the G. O.* containing the information is laid on the table.

Policy adopted in the free supply of Government publications to newspapers.

102. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle followed in the matter of providing the newspapers with their publications free of cost?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 101.

Free supply of Government publications to Travancore Newspapers.

103. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the newspapers in Travancore are being supplied free with Government publications; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the differential treatment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The rules regulating the free supply of Government publications to newspapers are contained in G. O. R. Dis. No. 279 of 23/Legis., dated the 2nd August 1923, copy of which has already been laid on the table.

Water scarcity in Shencotta Town.

104. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has ever been brought to their notice that the people of Shencotta town and suburbs are put to great difficulty on account of scarcity of water;

(*b*) if so, the steps that have been taken to remedy the drawbacks?

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